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News to Know

Agreements/Access Codes:

It is agreement season. Please remember that agency assigned access codes used in DocuSign never change, regardless of program.

FTA Section 5310 Rural/Small Urban and 5311 Rural Applications

Currently, there is no federal funding application available for the Section 5310 and 5311 programs. When applications become available, a notice will be posted in this newsletter and on our website at [Transit Applications and Reporting](#).

Safety Spotlight

Upcoming Safety Training

Safety training plays an important role in creating safer transit systems across America. The following list summarizes available safety training and resources offered through FTA and its partners:

- [FTA Safety Training Page](#) — outlines training requirements and available training courses.
- [FTA-Sponsored Training Courses](#) — provides information on FTA-sponsored FY2024 training delivered by the Transportation Safety Institute (TSI).
- [TSI Course Schedule](#) — includes TSI safety training courses for transit personnel to support FTA grantees subject to the [Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program \(PTSCTP\)](#) regulation with initial training and recertification training requirements. In addition to PTSCTP bus and rail courses, trainings include courses for bus, rail, general transit safety and transit crime prevention and emergency management.

- [Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative Related Trainings](#) — offers virtual Assault Awareness and Prevention (AAP) and Violence in the Transit Workplace (VTW) courses provided by the National Transit Institute (NTI).

Federal Actions & Updates



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration

Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO)

FTA General Directive 24-1

FTA issued a General Directive to address the national-level safety risk related to assaults on transit workers. The General Directive applies to any transit agency subject to FTA's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASP) Final Rule. Read more at the [Federal Register website](#).

FTA has released the [National Transit Database \(NTD\)](#) 2023 [annual data products](#). Established in 1974, the NTD collects annual data from all FTA-funded transit agencies. This series of files includes data on ridership, safety, operating expenses, service levels, funding sources and more from transit providers.

The data release includes:

- [2023 National Transit Summary and Trends](#), which presents an overview of U.S. transit and highlights key transit metrics over the last decade. The document summarizes trends in an easy-to-read format with infographics and tables.
- 30 [interactive data sets and visual summaries](#) on [data.transportation.gov](#), the DOT's open data platform.
- For the first time, [an interactive map](#) of facilities and stations.
- 27 database files for detailed analyses of the latest NTD data.

Six updated time-series files for year-over-year analyses of NTD data.

FTA's [Transit Award Management System \(TrAMS\)](#) re-opened on Oct. 31, with all financial and non-financial functions available to TrAMS users.

TrAMS is a web-based tool that allows grant recipients to apply for federal funds and manage their programs in accordance with federal requirements. The platform provides FTA the ability to review, approve, control and oversee the distribution of funds.

FTA closes TrAMS at the end of each fiscal year for financial reconciliation, which is now complete.

Please reach out to the FTA IT Help Desk FTAITHelpDesk@dot.gov with any questions.

Upcoming Webinars & Trainings

Various U.S. DOT University Transportation Systems are holding [webinars](#) this fall. Please see the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter for additional information. Topics include:

- Opportunities for improving transit travel through standardized payments.
- Stochastic ride sharing system with flexible pickup and drop-off.
- The environmental impacts of living far from work locations.

2024 FTA Advancing Safety Risk Management and Safety Assurance Workshops

FTA will continue the workshop series, **Safety Management System (SMS) in Practice: Advancing Safety Risk Management (SRM) and Safety Assurance (SA) Workshops**. Participants will build on the basics of SMS to engage with the complex interactions between SRM and SA that are key to improving safety at transit agencies.

FTA will offer the following virtual workshops:

- Nov. 21-22 ([register](#))
- Jan. 14-15, 2025 ([register](#))

Register online to reserve your spot. Space is limited to 50 participants due to the interactive format. The workshops are for transit agency safety department personnel, rail and bus transit operations and maintenance managers who oversee agency safety performance and State Safety Oversight Agency managers and staff. All participants should have a basic understanding of the four components of SMS as they are applied to the transit industry prior to taking this class.

Ridership Forecasting with STOPS for Transit Project Planning

This *in-person* course introduces transit-planning professionals to the Federal Transit Administration's **Simplified Trips-on-Project Software (STOPS)** package, the fundamentals of its components and local implementation and the information that can be drawn from its ridership forecasts to inform decisions on transit plans, projects and services.

Click below to register or for more information:

Dec. 10-12 - Durham, NC (2.5 Days)

This course runs IN-PERSON, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on the first two days, and from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on the third day.

Jan. 28-30, 2025 - Salt Lake City, UT (2.5 Days)

This course runs IN-PERSON, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on the first two days, and from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on the third day.

Please be on the lookout for future deliveries of this course!

If you have any questions about this course, please direct them to:

Amy Gornik: abadaracco@nti.rutgers.edu

Mobility Management Certification Program

A focused approach to rural transportation coordination and healthy communities

This Course is designed for:

- Mobility and Coordination Managers
- Community Health Workers
- Health Care Transportation Schedulers
- Transportation Providers
- Program Staff Addressing Access Barriers

Course Description

Rural Missourians face transportation barriers that limit fullness of life and basic needs such as health, food, education, employment and social interaction. Transportation is tangled, complicated, expensive and identified as one of the top two barriers in communities across Missouri, however it is not addressed.

The purpose of this course is to provide Mobility Management skills, knowledge and resources that will improve transportation access for Missourians who have the greatest need. Upon completion of the course, the trainee will be able to identify their community's transportation resources and barriers, communicate with others using non-biased language, collaborate effectively, identify funding resources to assist consumers with transportation cost and identify requirements and restrictions of funding for consumers. Additionally, trainees will create their own national, state and local Mobility Management Resources Toolkit focused on the trainee's community of service.

The course will be offered through HealthTran learning platform at no charge to the learner.

For more information or to register for the course, please scan the QR code



For More Information and to register, go to <https://cabllc.com/courses/mobility-management/>



Whether you missed the conference this year or want to refer back to a presentation or plenary you attended, you can access materials from the 2024 Missouri Transit Conference on the [MPTA website](#).

Missed a Past Webinar?

NTD webinars are available on [NTI's YouTube page](#), so if you missed a past session, you can watch it anytime!

Recently added videos:

- **Webinar:** [Annual NTD Reporting Clarifications](#)
- **Webinar:** [NTD Validation Module Training](#)
- **Webinar:** [Annual Reporting for State Subrecipients](#)
- **Webinar:** [Annual Reduced Reporting in the Urban Module](#)
- **Webinar:** [Annual Reporting for State DOTs](#)

Transit Trivia Time!

An advisory, but not federally mandated, speed limit of 130 kilometers per hour is suggested for what systems of controlled access highways in Germany?

- A. Bundesstraßen
- B. Autobahn
- C. Landesstraßen

Answer is below 'Upcoming Conferences' section

Upcoming Reporting

DBE Reporting (Section 5311)- **Due early November**

January 2025

2024 Title VI Survey (all programs)

DAMIS (D&A) (5311 only)

Upcoming Conferences

2025 State of Transit in the Region

Jan. 14, 2025

2025 CTAA Expo

June 2-4, 2025, in San Diego, CA

2025 Midwest Transit Conference

Sept. 3-5, 2025, in Kansas City, MO

For a listing of all National RTAP and other national events, view our [Calendar](#). Also, see the [FTA Events Calendar](#). To submit an event, email info@nationalrtap.org.

Trivia Answer: B. Autobahn

We want to hear from you!

MoDOT's InTransit Newsletter is an opportunity for transit agencies funded through MoDOT to recognize the awesome things that are happening in their organizations. If you would like to submit what your agency is doing, whether it's about your service or highlighting a transit employee, please have those submission submitted to Nicholas.volkart@modot.mo.gov.

TRAINING RESOURCES

National RTAP: <https://www.nationalrtap.org/>

Missouri RTAP: <https://mltrc.mst.edu/mortaphome/>

National Transit Institute (NTI) <https://www.ntionline.com/>

National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM) <https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/>

Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA): <https://ctaa.org/>

U.S. DOT Drug and Alcohol: <https://www.transportation.gov/odapc>

FTA Drug and Alcohol: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/drug-alcohol-program>

FMCSA Drug and Alcohol: <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/drug-alcohol-testing-program>

FTA Webinars and Trainings [Homepage](#)

National Transit Institute's [Current Course Schedule](#) of Upcoming Training

TSI Public Transportation [Catalogue](#) | TSI [Course Schedule PDF](#)

APTAU Learning [Homepage](#)

NCMM [e-Learning Catalogue](#)

Easterseals Project Action [Course Schedule](#)

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